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TOWN REPORT.

HENNIKER.

1887.



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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER AND AUDITOR

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

Town's Committee and Trustees of Henniker Academy,

AND

SCHOOL BOARD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1887.

CONCORD:

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SELECTMENS REPORT.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In presenting our annual report, we congratulate the citizens of Henniker on the solid condition of its finances. You are well aware that much extra work and expense has been imposed on us by the new School Law, and we might say it has increased the labor and expense of nearly all your town offices, but the new system once established, the increase of expense in that direction would not occur in after years. In addition to this we have been called on to pay several large bills, most of which are extraordinary expenditures, as you will see by the following items:

Cash paid out, Land Damage and Building	
Newton Road,	\$403.00
“ “ “ Land Damage and Building	
Butter Road,	201.23
“ “ “ Repairing Wash-outs and	
Damage to Highway by	
Heavy Spring Rains,	468.51
“ “ “ Champion Road Machine,	250.00
“ “ “ Aid to Henniker Academy,	500.00

Amounting to the sum of \$1,822.74

An aggregate amount of \$445.90 in excess of corresponding bills paid during the previous year. By these figures it will be observed that the building of

the two highways and the purchase of the road machine cost the town \$354.23, all of which were extraordinary expenditures. The heavy spring rains badly washed the roads in many parts of the town, and as will be observed, occasioned the expenditure of an unusual amount of money to put them in suitable repair, but notwithstanding this condition of things, we have been able to keep the surplus of the town unimpaired, as will be observed by comparing the amount of surplus in the treasury last year, with the amount reported this year, as follows:

Surplus as per this report,	\$3,151.03
Surplus as per Treasurer's last report,	<u>3,043.30</u>

Added to the surplus this year, after payment of the foregoing expenditures, \$107.73

From the present condition of the affairs of the town we are not aware of any extraordinary expenditures necessary to be made during the coming year, neither are we aware of any outstanding claims or demands of any kind against the town. We take pleasure in expressing to the voters of the town of Henniker, the belief that at no time within its history has its financial condition been more flattering or promising than now. With prudent management of the affairs of the town during the coming year, we believe that it will not be necessary to raise any money to defray town charges, and at the same time we confidently expect that the town's present surplus of \$3,151.03 will be reasonably increased.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bills paid during the fiscal year ending March 1, 1887.

Paid William N. Johnson, services as auditor,	\$4.00
Samuel B. Coffran, bills for G. Dana	
Burnes' family,	1.42
E. P. Flaunders, for railing and water,	5.00
E. P. Goss, breaking roads,	4.00
N. P. Buxton, damage to plow,	1.50
James Fellows, for writing report, setting and making warrant,	11.50
D. L. Guernsey, for Town Officer, Collec- tor's Book, stationery, &c.,	10.15
Betsey Bell, support,	10.00
N. P. Buxton, cutting bushes,	3.00
John B. Clarke, printing reports,	26.30
Willard Colby, cutting bushes,	2.00
E. H. Center, watering trough,	1.50
Cyrus U. Whitman, board of Betsey Whit- comb,	9.75
John Gage, lumber and table for office,	9.00
H. B. Campbell, repairing highway,	6.00
N. P. Buxton, breaking roads,	4.00
G. C. McAlpine, repairing roads,	11.50
" " breaking roads,	11.75
Samuel O. Dow, repairing highway,	8.10
" " breaking roads,	8.25
O. A. Newton, land damage,	1.00
S. M. Currier, land damage,	10.00
Mercey B. Bacon, land damage,	83.00
Lavilla W. Rice, land damage,	37.50
George A. Woods, Jr., breaking roads,	9.24
" " repairing highway,	11.87
James Fellows, repairing highway,	13.87
William O. Folsom, care of hearse,	7.00

Paid John B. Copp, breaking roads,	\$2.62
“ “ repairing highway,	59.50
Edmund M. Rogers, breaking roads,	10.20
L. W. Cogswell, labor on common,	10.00
Ernest A. Colby, breaking roads,	1.12
Balch & Rice, breaking roads in 1884 and 1885,	10.50
Balch & Rice, stable bill,	8.70
Charles H. Peaslee, breaking roads,	4.62
Joseph H. Matthews, breaking roads,	3.50
George Livingston, snowing bridge, and watering trough,	5.50
Mercey B. Bacon, for dispensing with cat- tle pass, allowed by commissioners,	25.00
George H. Dodge, repairing highway,	5.76
John W. Jameson, breaking roads,	2.06
Albert C. Clark, breaking roads,	4.56
“ “ repair n g h ghway,	1.25
Lavina Smith, support of paupers,	30.00
George A. Eastman, labor,	7.80
L. W. Cogswell, expenses Memorial Day,	17.00
Hollis M. Chase, repairing highway,	3.00
George A. Woods, Jr., for Chestnut Lum- ber,	39.60
Boston & Lowell Railroad, freight on road machine,	12.15
Charles A. Bean, breaking roads,	2.00
Rufus S. Howe, cutting bushes and build- ing fence to cemetery,	5.00
John M. Goss, breaking roads,	3.37
“ “ repairing highway,	4.00
Fred A. Peaslee, breaking roads,	5.87
Betsey Bell, for support,	15.00
American Road Machine Co., for road ma- chine,	250.00
Halliday & Goodwin, building Newton road,	246.50
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	46.50
John F. Dow, labor on highway,	3.00
John L. Garland, labor on highway,	12.00
George A. Woods, Jr., labor on highway,	20.00
Frank Patten, for over-taxation in 1885,	1.37

Paid O. H. Noyes, bridge plank,	\$65.03
Parker P. Patch, lumber, and labor at Mud Pond Road,	22.75
Mary D. Glover, board of J. M. Flanders,	20.00
J. W. Emery, breaking roads,	1.87
Charles H. Felch, for rebate school tax,	11.36
Walter Felch, for rebate school tax,	.46
Walter F. Felch, for rebate school tax,	.46
Frederick Martin, for watering trough,	2.00
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	18.00
W. H. Bean, labor and material furnished for office,	5.50
Harlow B. Campbell, breaking roads,	6.87
W. H. M. Cate, breaking roads,	9.00
Charles A. Bean, labor cutting bushes,	1.00
C. B. Childs, breaking roads,	1.37
Betsey Bell, for support,	15.00
S. E. Dowlin, bridge plank,	1.72
Lavina Smith, support of paupers,	20.00
George E. Halliday, part payment for building new road, near Butter road,	50.00
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	24.00
Joseph Labonta, cutting bushes and repairing highway,	10.00
John H. Fellows, breaking roads,	1.62
George E. Halliday, balance for building road near Butter road,	124.60
H. A. Emerson, agent high school appropriations,	375.00
Marshal W. Morse, breaking roads,	10.37
John L. Garland, labor on highway,	48.00
Albin & Martin, services in Harwood School case,	16.29
John Gage, sticking up bridge plank,	1.40
William O. Folsom, surveying roads, making deeds, &c.,	7.00
Levi S. Connor, land taken for road,	26.63
A. B. Goodwin, repairing highway, building culvert, &c.,	31.10
C. D. Robinson, repairing highway,	4.50
Jeremiah Smith, counsel High School matters,	25.00

Paid George A. Woods, Jr., labor on highway,	\$116.90
B. F. Gregg, labor on highway,	3.75
John F. Perry, breaking roads,	6.25
Edmund Woods Estate, rebate from School District No. 10,	20.86
Franklin H. Peaslee, repairing highway,	16.98
James P. Flanders, repairing highway,	9.30
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	18.00
Dana E. Huntington, labor on highway,	9.00
W. H. M. Cate, services as supervisor,	12.00
J. B. Brown, breaking roads,	2.43
Jackson P. Dow, breaking roads,	2.25
Samuel W. Morrison, labor on highway,	3.15
C. C. Richards, stove, pipe and fittings for office,	6.20
Betsey Bell, support,	15.00
Mary D. Glover, board of J. M. Flanders,	25.00
John E. Duncan, breaking roads,	1.75
John Chase, for public watering trough,	1.00
Fred N. Webster, services as supervisor,	12.00
“ “ labor on highway,	11.18
E. Flanders, railing road in District No. 9,	8.27
Paul Hussey, labor on highway,	6.34
Joseph C. Kilburn, repairing culvert and cutting bushes,	3.00
William P. Lewis, repairing road and bridge,	3.68
Henry W. Drew, labor on highway,	6.00
George A. Gordon, labor on highway,	8.25
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	18.00
Town of Warner, rebate school-house tax in Dist. No. 6,	15.30
Herman R. Patterson, repairing roads,	5.00
Samuel H. Dow, sheep killed by dogs,	4.00
Luella F. Beard, for support,	3.75
Henry A. Emerson, agent high school appropriation,	125.00
William A. Balch, damage to horse and carriage,	18.00
William A. Balch, feed to supervisors' horses,	5.50

Paid David S. Carr, services as collector,	\$75.00
Phillip E. Ham, board of supervisors,	10.50
James Fellows, labor on highway,	4.50
William O. Flanders, damage to sheep by dogs,	8.00
Charles and Ben Clough, over taxation,	3.54
O. H. Noyes, goods furnished Mrs. Beard,	6.52
O. H. Noyes, goods furnished paupers,	5.03
O. H. Noyes, bolts and nails,	1.95
Luella F. Beard, for support,	1.55
Mary D. Glover, board of J. M. Flanders,	7.00
Elisha Rice, board of Betsey Whitecomb,	12.00
Betsey Bell, for support,	10.00
Lavina Smith, board of Mary Whitman and Susie Knott,	119.00
G. C. & C. G. Preston, goods furnished county pauper,	5.78
G. C. & C. G. Preston, tile pipe and nigger head for District No. 9,	16.85
Rent of room for 1885,	5.00
Enos Carter, board of Ruth S. Hazelton,	45.00
School Board, books furnished indigent scholars,	3.81
W. N. Johnson, services on School Board,	8.00
Joshua Sanborn Est., breaking roads,	2.40
School Board, balance school fund for year 1885,	82.23
G. W. S. Dow, lodging tramps,	7.00
W. T. Sargent, extra labor on roads,	7.00
Luella F. Beard, for support,	2.50
C. C. French, breaking roads,	1.20
“ “ labor on highway,	6.00
John Gutterson, public watering trough,	3.00
C. W. Tucker, care of Town House,	5.00
L. W. Peabody, return of births and deaths,	5.00
E. N. Cogswell, public watering trough,	2.00
Freeman E. Colby, perambulating town lines,	11.25
George H. Dodge, services on School Board,	46.00

Paid Freeman E. Colby, services on School Board,	\$50.00
J. B. Sanborn, for Surveyor's Warrant, check-list, order and receipt books, &c.,	7.03
W. H. Bean, recording inventory, making collector's book, copying inventory for county commissioners, and making returns,	18.00
G. W. S. Dow, for iron for railings, and fitting same,	13.30
G. W. S. Dow, labor on road near Mud Pond,	4.00
G. W. S. Dow, expense to Concord for counsel on High School matters,	3.20
W. H. Bean, aid furnished Jennie Gambell,	5.00
W. H. Bean, postage, recording deed, &c.,	1.00
John Gutterson, for sheathing for office,	8.00
George H. Sanborn, return of births and deaths,	5.25
W. T. Sargent, services as clerk,	25.00
W. T. Sargent, services as treasurer,	25.00
W. T. Sargent, recording marriages, births and deaths, and for postage and stationery,	9.60
W. T. Sargent, making 24 burial permits,	2.40
G. C. Blaisdell, return of births and deaths,	.50
A. C. Burnham, return of birth,	.25
J. P. Whittle, return of birth,	.25
J. W. Wilson, return of birth,	.25
A. P. Wiggin, public watering trough,	2.00
E. B. Lawrence, labor and material for office,	8.00
W. T. Sargent, for state tax,	1,572.00
W. T. Sargent, for county tax,	1,515.90
E. A. Hemphill, snowing bridge,	4.50
Geo. W. S. Dow, services as selectman,	85.00
William H. Bean, services as selectman,	80.00
Edwin B. Lawrence, services as selectman,	40.00
Harrison Carter, services as supervisor,	12.00
Total amount of orders drawn,	—\$6,709.42

SHEEP DAMAGED BY DOGS.

Paid Samuel H. Dow,	\$4.00	
Wm. O. Flanders,	8.00	
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ABATEMENTS.

E. Flanders, collector taxes, 1885,	\$1.70	
Blaisdell Clark, over-taxation, 1886,	1.15	
Burgess & Ham, " " "	6.95	
James M. Colby, " " "	1.00	
Walter B. Barnes, " " "	5.95	
Nathaniel Flanders' heirs, over-taxation, 1886,	2.75	
George Livingston, " " "	1.00	
Frank P. Gregg, paid in Weare,	2.37	
George F. Currier,	2.00	
Levi N. Barnes,	7.15	
	<hr/>	\$32.02

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING
ROADS,

ACCOUNTED FOR IN MISCELLANEOUS BILLS,

\$134.53

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS,

ACCOUNTED FOR IN MISCELLANEOUS BILLS,

\$468.51

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. N. Johnson, for auditor's services,	\$4.00
David S. Carr, for services as collector,	75.00
Freeman E. Colby, for services as School Board,	50.00
George H. Dodge, for services as School Board,	46.00
Wm. N. Johnson, for services as School Board,	8.00

Paid Walter T. Sargent, for services as treasurer,	\$25.00
Walter T. Sargent, for services as town clerk,	25.00
Harrison Carter, for services as supervisor,	12.00
William H. M. Cate, for services as supervisor,	12.00
Fred N. Webster, for services as supervisor,	12.00
George W. S. Dow, for services as selectman,	85.00
William H. Bean, for services as selectman,	80.00
Edwin B. Lawrence, for services as selectman,	40.00
	———— \$462.00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Expense of County Paupers, including Board and Clothing.

Paid for Betsey Bell,	\$65.00
James M. Flanders,	52.00
Ruth S. Hazelton,	45.00
Luella F. Beard,	12.50
Mary Whitman,	70.10
Susie Knott,	109.03
Jennie Gambell,	5.00
Transient and tramp,	9.50
	———— \$368.13

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid for support of George D. Barnes' family,	\$1.42
Paid for support of Betsey Whitcomb,	146.25
	———— \$147.67

SUMMARY,

SHOWING STANDING OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Balance in the treasury last year, including dog money (as per treasurer's report),	\$3,043.30
Received from E. Flanders, collector for 1885,	30.89
D. S. Carr, collector for 1886,	5,664.32
D. S. Carr, collector, for dog money,	89.00
D. S. Carr, collector, for interest,	12.02
State Treasurer, as follows:	
Insurance tax,	30.00
Railroad tax,	176.05
Saving Bank tax,	2,390.40
Literary Fund,	104.32
From County for support of paupers,	368.13
George E. Halliday, use of road machine,	12.00
George E. Halliday, grass on common,	10.50
Fred E. Colby, rent of Betsey Whitcomb pasture,	10.00
Town of Hopkinton, for our interest in school property,	12.28
School Districts, unexpended school money and school-house taxes,	44.30
Balance in collector's hands of 1886 tax,	20.83
	<hr/> \$12,018.34

CONTRA.

Total amount of orders drawn excepting school money,	\$6,709.42
Amount of school money,	1,979.82
E. Flanders, collector, 1885, abatement,	1.70
Abatement on taxes of 1886,	30.32
Non-resident highway receipts,	46.34

Resident highway receipts, being part of C. V. P. Co. taxes, put on collector's book and worked out,	\$63.95
Rebate on taxes in Dist. No. 10,	30.76
Total amount expended,	<u>\$8,867.31</u>

Balance in favor of the town, March 1st, 1887, \$3,151.03

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. S. DOW,
WILLIAM H. BEAN,
EDWIN B. LAWRENCE,
Selectmen of Henniker.

HENNIKER, Feb. 19, 1887.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, and find the same correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

DANIEL F. WYMAN,
Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's account with the town of Henniker, for the year ending March 1st, 1887, is as follows:

Cash in treasury March 1st, 1886,	\$2,925.05
Received from E. Flanders, collector for 1885,	30.89
D. S. Carr, collector for 1886,	5,664.32
D. S. Carr, interest on taxes,	12.02
Insurance tax,	30.00
Railroad tax,	176.05
Savings bank tax,	2,390.40
Literary fund,	104.32
County, support of paupers,	368.13
George E. Halliday, use of road machine,	12.00
Town of Hopkinton, interest in school property in Dist. No. 7,	12.28
Fred H. Colby, rent of Whitcomb pasture,	10.00

Received from George E. Halliday, grass on com-	
mon,	\$10.50
School districts, unexpended school	
money and school-house taxes,	44.30
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Total,	\$11,790.26

There has been paid from the treasury, on orders from the selectmen, as follows:

For support of schools,	\$1,979.82
State tax,	1,572.00
County tax,	1,515.90
Non-resident highway tax receipts,	46.34
Rebate on taxes in School District No. 10,	30.76
Resident highway tax receipts,	68.95
Abatement of taxes,	32.02
Remaining orders, (items in selectmen's	
report,)	3,609.52
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Total,	\$8,855.31
Balance in treasury March 1st, 1887,	\$2,934.95

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FROM DOG TAX.

Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1886,	118.25
Received from collector for 1886,	89.00
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Total,	\$207.25
Paid for damage to sheep, by dogs,	12.00
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Balance in hands of treasurer,	195.25

Total amount of cash in treasury, March 1st, 1887,	
including dog money,	3,130.20
Due from collector for 1886,	20.83
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Total in favor of town, \$3,151.03
Respectfully submitted,

WALTER T. SARGENT,

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

HENNIKER, N. H., February 19th, 1887.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1887, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. F. WYMAN,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT
— OF THE —
ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD,
1886-87.

To the People of the Town of Henniker:

The School Board for the past year being of the opinion that it was the intention of the town and the Trustees when they entered into a contract for a school in the Academy, that it should be operated for the town's gratuity and the tuitions of the school, the three members of the board agreed unanimously to offer the school upon these terms, for the third year, to Ira W. Holt, which offer was made to him in a meeting of the full board, and by him was rejected.

Applications for the school, upon the terms proposed by the board, were then received by some twenty or more different persons. From this number Dorman B. Pike, of Topsfield, Mass., a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1886, was unanimously selected by the three members of the board as principal of the school. Mr. Pike came with first-class recommendations as a scholar and teacher, and has proved himself to be a very industrious, pains-taking and thorough teacher, the pupils under his charge manifesting great interest in their work, and making very rapid and thorough progress in all their studies,

and his intercourse with his pupils, their parents and the public generally, has been of a very social, humane and gentlemanly character. The school under the present contract was never more worthy of the confidence and support of the public than at the present time.

Report of Henniker Academy School Board.

HENNIKER, Feb. 19th, 1887.

Your committee would beg leave to submit the following, as their report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending, Feb. 18th, 1887 :

Receipts.

Apr. 20, '86. From C. B. Childs, balance in his hands,	\$78.78
Town, as per contract,	500.00
Ira W. Holt, tuitions,	167.00
Subscriptions to pay deficiency in Mr. Holt's salary,	163.22
D. B. Pike, tuitions, fall and winter terms,	173.50
	———— \$1,082.50

Expenditures.

Paid Ira W. Holt, services as principal,	\$300.00
Mrs. Ira W. Holt, services as assistant,	90.00
Alson Merrill, as janitor, fall term, '86,	5.00
Alson Merrill, as janitor, winter term, '85-6,	4.00
Freeman E. Colby, for wood,	8.00
Erasers for black-board,	.75

D. B. Pike, services as principal,	\$501.33
W. E. Moore, printing bill-books,	3.00
C. W. Hutchins, printing posters,	1.75
C. H. & F. H. Corser, sawing and delivering wood,	2.00
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Total cash paid out,	\$915.83
Cash on hand,	166.67
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	\$1,082.50

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER W. COGSWELL,

HENRY A. EMERSON,

Committee.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Henniker :

The undersigned, appointed by the town as a member of the committee having in charge the High School, reports that the committee met and organized April 15th, 1886, by choosing L. W. Cogswell, Chairman, H. A. Emerson, Treasurer, John Gutterson, Clerk.

After the close of the spring term, taught by Mr. Holt, it became necessary to secure the services of a competent teacher for the next year. The patrons of the school were almost unanimous in the desire of having Mr. Holt retained without any change in the former policy of the school, and the scholars had also petitioned the committee to the same effect ; and propositions to indemnify the committee against any deficiency by a good bond, and also by deposits of money

upon consideration of the retention of Mr. Holt, were made by the parents of the pupils, and rejected by Mr. Cogswell and Mr. Emerson, while I believed that the same should be accepted.

The services of Mr. Pike were secured at their suggestion. I objected to the grade of the school being reduced from a high to a mixed or primary school, as I did not believe it was the intention of the town when the contract was entered into to establish anything but a high school, and because, by reducing the grade, the doors would be thrown open to the small scholars of the village, and that section would thereby obtain an unjust advantage over the other sections of the town.

I would further report that I have not been taken into the confidence of the other members of the committee, or consulted by them, but, as I believe, have been practically ignored in the management of the school; and if, during the past year, it has failed to meet the expectations of the town, I do not regard myself as being responsible therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GUTTERSON.

REPORT

— OF THE —

SCHOOL BOARD.

In presenting the first report under the new law, your committee have seen fit to depart from the usual custom of descriptive district reports, partly because there is no indication that the law requires them, and also for the reason that unless they are extended beyond their ordinary limits they are practically worthless.

We think we shall not be accused of undue egotism when we tell the same old story that “the success of our schools has been fully up to the standard of the past few years.” Indeed, considering the well-known antipathy of our people to the “town system” at the beginning of the school year, it is remarkable that so little friction has resulted in the working of the new order of things.

We have aimed, as far as practicable, to give all of our pupils equal privileges; but in country towns like Henniker, this can be only approximately accomplished.

GRADING.

It was thought advisable, at the beginning of the fall term, to establish a primary school, composed of the younger pupils in Districts Nos. 8 and 11, in the

brick house, north side, and an intermediate school on the Common, with the more advanced pupils in both districts.

The results accomplished during the fall and winter terms, have, to the unprejudiced, at least, proved the success of the experiment. It is hoped that the near future may see a thoroughly graded school in the village, with a free high school, to which all pupils within the limits of the town, having the requisite attainments, may attend.

TEACHERS.

Of the seventeen teachers employed the past year, only four were without previous experience; while all have been in some degree successful, there has been a wide range in the capability shown and in the results accomplished. The old adage that "Practice makes perfect," is nowhere more fully exemplified than in the school-room; yet most of our young teachers have done excellent work, and, with experience, will not fail of becoming successful.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Greenleaf's New Series of Arithmetics have taken the place of the unpopular Robinson's, and will continue in use for five years.

Smith's Physiologies have been introduced, and those scholars taking the study have made excellent progress.

We urgently recommend its use among all of younger pupils, as a State law makes it incumbent upon all teachers to give instruction in physiology and hygiene.

REGISTERS.

We have been carefully over every page of the several registers to correct any mistakes which might have occurred, that our statistical report to the State Superintendent might be as correct as possible. In some cases we have found very little to do, while in others it has been quite a task. We hope all teachers in the future will consider this an essential part of their duties, and make their registers full and correct.

ATTENDANCE.

It is of the utmost importance to parents and others having charge of our scholars, that they carefully consider the percentage of attendance in the statistical table annexed. It is found to be the largest in No. 7, .9777, and the smallest in No. 4, .8571. In the latter district, almost fifteen per cent. of the school year is far worse than wasted, from the fact that the absence of one or more scholars is not only a dead loss of time to them, but also a heavy damage to the remainder of all classes to which the delinquent pupil belongs. When parents realize this fact, and consider that they are not only doing their own children an injury, but at the same time are guilty of greater injustice to their neighbors' scholars, they should consider themselves under obligations of such importance as to cause earnest effort in the future to correct this great abuse.

In a few districts it has been the practice for several years to allow a portion of the pupils to leave school two or three days before the closing examination. Such a course serves to release those pupils from all sense of responsibility, and is, besides, discouraging, if not insulting, to the teacher.

We annex the roll of honor to our report, and would say, in explanation, that during the winter term, especially, several cases of earnest effort on the part of pupils who were prevented by sickness from attending each half-day session, should be mentioned.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils who have been present each half day of a term without being tardy :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Annie M. Garland,	Alfred C. Parker,
Gertie I. Garland,	Lewis A. Parker,
Harry T. Garland,	Willard E. Matthews,
Percy E. Patch,	Bertie O. Lewis.
Ethel L. Patch,	

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Elwin F. Bacon,	Bertha Rice,
Bertie Rice,	Ralph Spalding.
Annie M. Rice,	

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Anna L. Childs,	Otilie Olsen,
Emily F. Childs,	Ida F. Patterson,
Clara M. Kimball,	Harry E. French,
Alma M. Poor,	Guy B. Moore.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Ada D. Clark,	Gracie Woodward,
Fred D. Connor,	Arthur W. Sanborn,
Alice B. Connor,	John C. Clark.
Julia M. Robbins,	

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Frank E. Gregg,	Lilla J. Howe,
Hattie M. Gregg,	G. H. W. Blaisdell.
Minnie B. Gregg,	

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Mary J. Chase,	Eugene Ripley,
Flora L. Colby,	Fred M. Davis,
Willie W. Ferrin,	Orrin H. Dow,
Lizzie M. Ferrin,	Fred D. Dow,
Harry B. Morrill,	Eva Campbell.
Lilian Ripley,	

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Flora M. Peasley,	Arthur N. Huntington,
Cora A. Peasley,	Loren D. Morse,
Bertha M. Peasley,	Abbie M. Eaton.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Eva M. Campbell,	Arthur Gilchrist,
Cora M. Osborn,	Ralph Gilchrist,
Maud E. Preston,	John W. Gregg,
Susie F. Rice,	Charlie R. Preston,
Dora L. Whitney,	Eugene Ripley,
Harry F. Courser,	Henry Olsen.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Willie C. Clark,	Flora M. Eastman,
Annie E. Gage,	Silas G. Gage,
Frank S. Rogers,	Clara E. Bruniell,
Sarah A. Clark,	Alice M. Eastman.

Names of pupils who have been present every half day of the year :

No. 1, Alfred C. Parker,	No. 5, Clara M. Kimball,
No. 6, Ada D. Clark.	

THE SCHOOL BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HENNIKER.

	Dr.
Received of W. T. Sargent, Treasurer, school fund for 1886,	\$1,979.82
W. T. Sargent, Treasurer, balance school fund for 1885,	82.23

Received of J. L. Garland, balance school fund for 1885,	\$71.24
D. K. Robbins, balance school fund for 1885,	2.80
Warner School Board for tuition,	23.00
For glass broken,	.64
Total receipts,	<hr/> \$2,164.73

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Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$1,794.00
" wood,	92.06
" care for houses,	59.79
" cleaning houses,	12.50
E. C. Eastman, for liquid slating,	5.00
M. V. B. Greene, for blank record-books,	3.05
F. E. Colby, cash paid for supplies,	9.44
G. H. Dodge, " " " "	3.40
W. N. Johnson, " " " "	.55
O. H. Noyes, supplies furnished,	19.82
C. C. Richards, " "	.85
H. Marsh, repairs in District No. 11,	1.69
H. R. Patterson, repairs in District No. 6,	.87
G. H. Dodge, " " " 1,	1.12
James Wilkins, material for black-board,	1.52
Chas. W. Tucker, material for black-board, and labor on same,	8.00
C. W. Hutchins, printing,	2.00
Geo. H. Dodge, books for teachers' desks,	6.00
Joseph Labonta, carrying scholars,	41.50
Total expenditures,	<hr/> \$2,063.16
Cash on hand,	1,01.57
	<hr/> \$2,164.73

HENNIKER, Feb. 15, 1887.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the School Board for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1887, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN GUTTERSON,
HIRAM MARSH,
GEORGE C. PRESTON,
Auditing Committee.

No. of District.	No. of Term.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Amount of School Money.	Wages of Teachers, including Board.	No. of Weeks.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Percentage of Daily Attendance.	Roll of Honor for Term.	Roll of Honor for the Year.	No. Visits by Committee.	No. Visits of Citizens.
1	{ 1	Bertha H. Ross.....	54 00	24 00	9	9	1.0000	3	....	3	10
	{ 2	" " "	60 00	24 00	10	13	.9999	3	....	2	8
	{ 3	Julia A. Rice.....	54 00	24 00	9	12	.9833	6	1	2	9
2	{ 1	Belle B. Morrison.....	60 00	20 00	12	7	.8333	0	....	2	31
	{ 2	Lolie P. Wason.....	54 00	24 00	9	5	1.0000	0	0	1	12
4	{ 1	Carrie L. Barker.....	54 00	24 00	9	12	.8318	4	....	2	3
	{ 2	Florence F. Barton...	60 00	24 00	10	17	.8823	0	....	2	9
	{ 3	" " "	54 00	24 00	9	16	.8572	1	0	1	4
5	{ 1	Carrie L. Morse.....	72 00	32 00	9	31	.9285	4	....	2	10
	{ 2	" " "	80 00	32 00	10	29	.9583	4	....	3	21
	{ 3	" " "	72 00	32 00	9	30	.88	3	1	1	9
6	{ 1	Edna M. Constantine.	54 00	24 00	9	12	.9275	5	....	3	15
	{ 2	" " "	60 00	24 00	10	14	.8974	3	....	2	11
3	{ 3	Hattie M. Rice.....	54 00	24 00	9	14	.9230	3	1	2	8
7	{ 1	Lena B. Merrick.....	54 00	24 00	9	10	1.0000	4	....	3	15
	{ 2	Etta M. Dodge.....	60 00	24 00	10	14	.9999	0	....	3	12
	{ 3	" " "	54 00	24 00	9	13	.8571	1	0	1	2
8	{ 1	C. Eva Eastman.....	72 00	32 00	9	21	.9530	7	....	3	16
	{ 2	Ada M. Carr.....	80 00	32 00	10	15	.9230	4	....	4	10
	{ 3	" " "	72 00	32 00	9	21	.8823	1	0	4	9
10	{ 1	Sarah B. Gutterson...	54 00	24 00	9	7	1.0000	6	....	2	20
	{ 2	Bessie M. Gage.....	60 00	24 00	10	8	.875	1	....	2	4
	{ 3	Cora E. Huntington...	54 00	24 00	9	11	.9091	0	0	1	4
11	{ 1	Jesse Marshall.....	72 00	32 00	9	33	.9687	10	....	4	55
	{ 2	" " "	80 00	32 00	10	33	.9	3	....	4	77
	{ 3	" " "	72 00	32 00	9	32	.814	1	0	2	41
12	{ 1	Julia A. Rice.....	54 00	24 00	9	10	1.0000	3	4	17
	{ 2	" " "	60 00	24 00	10	10	.8889	4	1	17
	{ 3	Bertha H. Ross.....	54 00	24 00	9	11	1.0000	5	0	2	7

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